

SENATE BILL 9027

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8 and Title 58, Chapter 2, relative to
emergency powers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, during a public health emergency, the governor shall not control the actions or movements of private citizens by the issuance of an executive order or by any other directive. The governor's power is limited to controlling the actions and movements of governmental entities and personnel.

(2) As used in this subsection (), "public health emergency" means an occurrence or the imminent threat of an illness or health condition, caused by bioterrorism, epidemic or pandemic disease, or a novel and highly fatal infectious agent or biological toxin, that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities or incidents of permanent or long-term disability.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-101(7), is amended by deleting the language "provided, that natural threats may include disease outbreaks and epidemics;".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.